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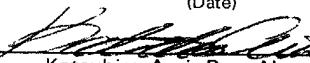
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Applicant(s) : Toru Egashira, et al.
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Dear Sir:

REQUEST FOR CORRECTED OFFICIAL FILING DATE

Applicants noted an error in the Official Filing Date in the Notice Comply with Requirement for the above-identified patent application. The correct Filing Date is --January 31, 2001--, not "July 17, 2001". Although we filed the Declaration and Power of Attorney as the Missing Parts, this is not the National Phase of PCT Application that the filing date should remain as January 31, 2001. Please make this correction in the Patent and Trademark Office for the official filing receipt and all future documentation. As this error appears to have been made at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, we believe no fees to be required. However, should any fees be necessary for this request, please charge them to our deposit Account No. 11-1410.

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